

What is claimed is:

2       1. A method utilizing a graphical user interface in a computer system,  
comprising the steps of:

4           executing an application program within the computer system with a  
graphical user interface comprising a plurality of elements, each of said elements  
6       being associated with a set of commands; and

              changing the shape of at least one of said elements when two or more  
8       said elements are in close proximity.

2       2. A method utilizing a graphical user interface in a computer system,  
comprising the steps of:

              executing an application program with a graphical user interface  
4       comprising a plurality of elements, each said element being associated with a set  
of commands; and

6           fusing the edge of two or more of said elements together when said two  
or more elements are in close proximity.

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3. A method utilizing a graphical user interface in a computer system,
- 2 comprising the steps of:
  - executing an application program with a graphical user interface
  - 4 comprising a plurality of elements, each said element being associated with a set of commands; and
  - 6 changing the graphical representation of one or more of the said elements when two or more of said elements are in close proximity.

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